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Private fostering explained

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Do you know of any child under the age of 16 who is living with someone who isn't a close relative? Many children live legally with other people – they may be adopted or be living with foster carers. There are other children, however, who may be vulnerable because they are living apart from their families with someone else. Typically, young



people may have fallen out with their parents and gone to stay with a friend's family. Or they may be students from overseas, staying with host families. If the young person is under 16 and staying for more than 28 days, then the local authority needs to know about this in order to make sure that the child is safe and being properly cared for.

If you know of anyone who might be involved in such an arrangement, please give them this leaflet. If you think we might not know about this arrangement, please contact Children's Services.

Thank you for helping to keep children safe.

Who to contact

Contact Torbay Council Children's Services to find out more or inform them of a private fostering arrangement:



Tel: 01803 208100

Email: fostercareservice@torbay.gov.uk

Web: www.torbay.gov.uk/private_fostering.htm

**It is an offence not to notify children's services.
You could be risking a fine!**